

# U.S. Department of Energy Sustainability Performance Office DOE Sustainability SPOTlight

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## SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

### Presidential Memorandum Released on the Impacts of Drought

On March 21, 2016, President Obama issued [Presidential Memorandum: Building National Capabilities for Long-Term Drought Resilience](#) and [Long-Term Drought Resilience: Federal Action Plan of the National Drought Resilience Partnership](#).

These two documents highlight the negative impacts drought can have on communities. The Federal Action Plan outlines the six resilience goals, while the memorandum explains the purpose and policies behind the goals. The memorandum will be implemented immediately by the heads of Executive departments and agencies.

### U.S. and Israeli Energy Ministers Sign New Energy Agreement

On April 4th, 2016, the Minister of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources, Dr. Yuval Steinitz, and the U.S. Secretary of Energy, Dr. Ernest Moniz, signed the second amendment to the existing agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Israeli Ministry of National Infrastructure. This agreement signifies solidarity between the two nations in their efforts to conduct research and minimize the costs of clean energy technologies and encourages collaboration between top energy scientists from the two nations.



Read more about Amendment No. 2 [here](#) and [here](#).

### Earth Day 2016: Celebrate Sustainability at the Nationals Game

Join the Sustainability Performance Office (SPO) in celebrating DOE's sustainability efforts. Deputy Secretary Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall will represent DOE during Earth Day at Nationals Park on April 22nd when the Nationals play the Minnesota Twins beginning at 7:05 p.m.

Arrive early to see the pregame events, which include the Earth Day public service announcement and the [Sustainability video](#) that highlights easy ways to reduce greenhouse gases, prevent pollution and waste, and increase electronic stewardship. For ticket information, contact event coordinator [Dominique Wells](#) or visit [SPO's website](#).

## SUSTAINABILITY SUPERSTAR

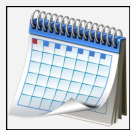


SPO would like to extend our gratitude to Dominique Wells for putting a spotlight on sustainability this month.

Dominique is finishing a detail to the SPO from Fossil Energy. She drove the Workplace Sustainability campaign by redesigning SPO's office space, creating sustainability posters, making the video on sustainability a reality, and coordinating the Nationals event below.

***Send us your Superstar!***





## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MILESTONES

April 22: [Learn what Earth Day events are taking place near you!](#)

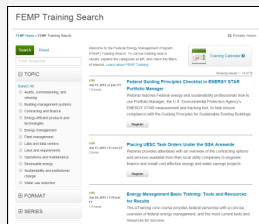
April 22: [Celebrate Earth Day with SPO and the Nationals!](#)

April 27: [Deadline for EPEAT Purchaser Awards Application](#)

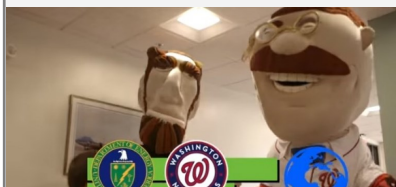
April 28: [Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day](#)

## ON-DEMAND TRAINING

Visit the Federal Energy Management Program's [Training Search](#) for a comprehensive collection of on-demand trainings.



## VIDEO SPOTLIGHT



Check out your [9 Innings of Sustainability Tips](#) featuring two of the Washington Nationals President Mascots!

## SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES

### DOE Staff Practices Earth Day Every Day

In support of E.O. 13693, employees across the DOE complex demonstrate environmental sustainability practices as a routine part of doing business, from daily commuting choices to conference services. Read about the sustainability resources offered to DOE staff to help incorporate energy-efficient principles into daily activities [here](#).

### 2016 Energy Exchange Promotes Sustainability Training

The Energy Efficiency Exchange 2016 held August 9-11, 2016 in Providence, RI, will provide training to employees of civilian and military agencies who are responsible for building operations, energy management, and sustainability. The Exchange offers training sessions in ten different tracks, including *Energy Intensive Buildings*, *Federal Fleet Management*, and *Project Financing*.



For more information on the event, including schedules, topics, and registration details, please click [here](#).

### 2016 GreenGov Presidential Awards Now Accepting Nominations

On March 18, the Office of Federal Sustainability opened the nomination process for the White House Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) 2016 GreenGov Presidential Awards. The annual GreenGov awards celebrate extraordinary achievement by Federal personnel, teams, projects and facilities, and programs in the pursuit of President Obama's Executive Order on Federal Sustainability. Please note: only federal civilian and military personnel are eligible to participate. The Awards nomination submission period will close on May 20, 2016.

More information on the awards, including category descriptions and submission instructions, please visit:

<https://www.fedcenter.gov/opportunities/awards/greengovpresidentialawards/>



### 2016 Energy Star Partners of the Year for Outstanding Achievements in Energy Efficiency

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and DOE are honoring 149 businesses and organizations in 35 states for their commitment to saving energy and protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency achievements. Check out this year's winners [here](#).



Check out CEQ's latest GreenGov Leader newsletter:

<https://www.fedcenter.gov/assistance/newsletters/greengovleader/>



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